



**The City of Buffalo Common Council**

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Department: Common Council  
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**ADOPTED**

**AGENDA ITEM 18-2203**

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## **Franczyk, Etc. - Affordable Housing at Former Police Headquarters**

Whereas the former Buffalo Police Headquarters, located at 44 Franklin was listed for sale on November 26, 2018 for \$3.05 million;

Whereas the building was constructed in 1935 for \$800,000 for its specific use as municipal police headquarters;

Whereas in its current real estate listing the neighborhood of the property is described as “highly sought-after place for new residents” due to its access to public transportation, entertainment, shopping, and dining;

Whereas the likely future use of the building has been described as mixed use and potentially residential;

Whereas currently many residents are facing a housing cost burden, with 54% of city residents spending more than 30% of their income on housing costs;

Whereas there is a clear need for more affordable housing for city residents;

Whereas the City’s recent Housing Opportunity Strategies study assessed our real estate market and characterized neighborhoods in different tiers of market strength;

Whereas 74 Franklin is located in a neighborhood labeled “Highest Demand” marked by strong real estate values and housing stock;

Whereas the study’s recommendation for a realistic social goal for Highest Demand sub-markets is to expand affordable options to allow low-to-moderate income residents live in stable neighborhoods that as described above have many amenities that all residents should have access to;

Whereas the City should ensure the future use of this public building is accessible and for all residents, especially those currently faced with a housing cost burden; and

Whereas an affordable housing requirement should be included in the sale of 74 Franklin Street: Now, Therefore Be It

*Resolved that The City of Buffalo Common Council-*

- 1) Explore the inclusion of an affordable housing component in the sale of 74 Franklin, if warranted;

- 2) Directs the City Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Mayor’s Office of Strategic Planning;
- 3) Requests the Mayor’s Office of Strategic Planning reports back to this body with affordable housing options for 74 Franklin.

**HISTORY:**

<b>12/11/18</b>	<b>Common Council</b>	<b>ADOPTED AS AMENDED</b>
Adopted resolves as amended, remainder sent to Committee on Community Development		
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